

ONslow COUNTY



Georgia

Onslow
Women's
Center, Inc.

*Georgia came to the Onslow Women's Center (OWC) Shelter after having to leave her housing due to domestic violence. She entered without a job, with few belongings and with the challenge of learning to support her family on her own. In a few short months, she left with a full-time stable job to a rental that she could afford. She worked at IHOP and saved her money so that she could qualify for Community Advisory Network Developing Onslow (CANDO) and the rapid re-housing program. She walked to work and was on time daily. She made sure her kids made the bus on time and helped them with homework. During Christmas Santa came and brought gifts for her and the kids, and the community kicked in as well with much needed outfits for the season.

March marks my second year serving on the staff of the Women's Center, and I am amazed at the resilience of the human spirit and what it can accomplish with a little help from the neighborhood. Each time I saw Georgia, she had nothing but a positive outlook for the future. She is not out of the woods yet, but I have a feeling she is going to do her best for her and the kids.

*name change to protect her identity

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